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### **Board of Health Meets April 9 to Discuss Public Health Funding**

*Wednesday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m., Phoenix Inn, 417 Capitol Way N, Olympia*

On April 9, the State Board of Health will hold a special meeting in Olympia to discuss proposals to provide stable and secure funding for public health. It has asked to hear from the governor's staff, legislators, and members of local boards of health about various proposals now before the Legislature.

Those proposals include:

- The Governor's budget and the Senate budget (ESSB 5404);
- SB 5920 and HB 2070, which would ask the public to vote on a property tax increase to fund public health;
- SB 5928, which would remove the sales tax exemption for candy and put most of the new money collected into the county public health account;
- HB 1265, which would divert sales tax money from the state general fund into a variety of local funds, including the county public health account.

The Board is on record as supporting stable and secure funding for public health but has not taken a position on revenue sources.

The Board will also hear a presentation about West Nile virus response and the roles and responsibilities of the department of health, local health jurisdictions, and mosquito control districts.

Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the Board of Health at (360) 236-4110 or by visiting the Board's Web site at [www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/](http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/).

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